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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/762,380
	Filing Date	February 7, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Yoshitaka YAGUCHI, et al.
	Art Unit	2616
	Examiner Name	James A. Fletcher
	Attorney Docket No.	MTS-3243US

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 - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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 - ☐ Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
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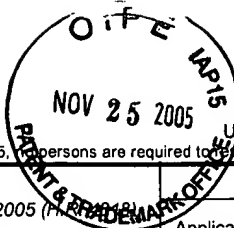
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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 2648)

**FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**Complete if Known**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	—
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	—
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	—
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	—
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	—

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)
Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
42	- 120 or HP =	x \$50. =	0	Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

\$360. \$0.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
16	- 12 or HP =	x \$200. =	\$800.

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge):

Fees Paid (\$)**SUBMITTED BY****Complete (if applicable)**

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